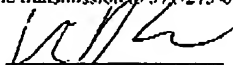


**Certificate of Transmission By Facsimile**

I certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 by facsimile transmission to 571-273-8300 on July 12, 2006.

  
Richard Krukar7/12/2006  
Date**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/693,163 Confirmation No.: 1667  
Applicants : Reiner Eschbach and William A. Fuss  
Filed : October 23, 2003  
Art Unit : 2165  
Examiner : Neveen Abel Jalil

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
JUL 12 2006

Title : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ATTACHING  
KEYWORDS TO IMAGES BASED ON DATABASE  
STATISTICS

Attorney Docket #: D/A2327

**Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued  
Examination under 37 CFR 1.114**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on 2/13/2006, and having a shortened statutory response period that extends through 7/13/2006 due to a petition for a two month extension filed on 6/23/2006, please continue examination under 37 CFR 1.114. Please disregard Applicant's response to the final office action mailed on 5/12/2006. Please amend the claims as hereinafter indicated and reconsider their patentability in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

The remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.